--- 6 Cigarettes - “Series of 1897” - 22 x 28 mm. - scanned at 200% scale ---

--- recess printed in RED ink - with smooth yellow gum ---

In the early 1900’s, with the growth of the Canadian flue-cured “Essex County” tobacco industry, a discriminatory tax was levied on *foreign tobacco*, and the “Series of 1897” ***green*** stamp was introduced for cigarettes manufactured purely from *domestic leaf* tobacco. This ***red*** stamp was used for cigarettes made from a blend of domestic and imported tobacco leaf.

The collection *does not* contain, nor have I seen, a copy of **RC-166†** - the six cigarette “Series of 1897” printed ***in green ink*** - **WANTED**

★**RC-152** - 6 cigarettes, perf 12

★**RC-152 CRP** - 6 cigarettes, perf 12, stamped **Registered** and **CANCELLED**

★**RC-152 SP** - 6 cigarettes, perf 12, stamped **SPECIMEN** in 4 mm. Gothic letters

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RC-152 SP - 6 cigarettes, perf 12, rollered **TOBACCO / A-20**
by the Tobacco Merchant "C.T. Bates" of Ottawa - ***from the collection of Fritz Angst***

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